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Making a Dead Man's Heart Beat.

James Tracy was hanged for murder in Chicago, September 15. The neck was broken. One minute after the body was taken from the gallows, Dr. Mann and Bluthardt began the experiment of applying electricity with a view to resuscitation. The result is described by the doctors as follows:

"The experiment was begun by applying the pole over the spinal cord and the other over the heart—the latter by means of three needles, one over the apex and two over the base of the heart. The needles were inserted beneath the skin, so as to bring the electric current in direct communication with the heart. On turning on the current the effect was very marked. Muscular contractions began wherever the electric current reached, but especially in the face and neck. The heart began to contract feebly, not regularly. With the ear over the heart we could distinctly hear, or rather feel, the heart's contractions. By removing the electrode we could produce a variety of facial expressions. The arms would contract, the legs move with considerable force, and the muscles of the abdomen contract strongly. The most significant fact, however, was the rhythmic action of the heart, notwithstanding that the neck was broken. It is probable that a considerable proportion of criminals who are hanged in this country are either mechanically strangled—that is, choked to death, or killed by shock—that is, death is the result of the terrible impression made upon the nervous system. In cases where the neck is not broken and the spinal cord is not lacerated, we are of opinion that resuscitation would not be impossible. It might be accomplished by electricity, friction, artificial respiration, the hot bath, and other well known means of restoration. In this present case resuscitation was impossible, as the neck was broken."

How to Succeed.

Bayard Taylor made the following remarks respecting the rules of success, that are worth their weight in gold to any and every young man, as the experience of one whom all delight to honor:

"I have always reverently accepted them. First, labor. Nothing can be had for nothing; whatever a man achieves, he must pay for it; and no favor of fortune can absolve him from duty. Secondly, patience and forbearance, which is simply dependent upon the slow justice of time. Thirdly, and most important, faith. Unless a man believes in something far higher than himself, something infinitely purer and grander than he can ever become—unless he has an instinct of an order beyond his dreams, of laws beyond his comprehension, of beauty and good and justice, beside which his own are dark, he will fail in every loftier form of ambition, and ought to fail."

A partridge, frightened from its native heath, alighted on the Court-house at Mansfield, the other day. Some boys attempted to capture it, and it flew in a straight line against one of the Postoffice windows, and made a hole about the size of its body and fractured a three eighths inch French plate-glass, six by eleven feet, worth from \$80 to \$100. The poor thing, with broken bill, head severed from its body, breast-bone broken, dropped dead beneath the window. It is believed to be the first instance of the kind ever known.—[Cincinnati Gazette.]

A new way for beating hotels, says *Peck's Sun*, is for three men to register, one with a trunk and the other two with valises. After a week's board the trunk man will go away, after paying his bill and the two others are never seen; their valises are carried away in the trunk of the other. We notice these things more as we think soon of traveling, and if there is any way to get away with hotels, it is well enough to know it.

One of the most eminent of medical men is reported as saying that there are not less, probably, than 10,000 persons in Germany who have become slaves to the habit of hypodermically injecting morphine. There are many who take as much as eighteen injections every day.

Flirting.

Angela, your question comes just right. You want to know if there is any harm in an "innocent" flirtation with a young man, a stranger, for fun. Young lady, there is no such thing as an "innocent" flirtation with a stranger. You may possibly play at the game with some one you have known for a long time without danger, but with a stranger, never. The other day, in Chicago, a pretty and attractive young girl (Miss Lizzie Jackson, daughter of the Captain of a lake steamer), only eighteen years old, indulged in a little handkerchief flirtation on the street. She was observed by a moral policeman, who arrested her, and, despite her entreaties and the evident fact that she was not a disreputable girl, took her to the station house, where, during the night, she hanged herself with her handkerchief to the cell bars. Although the heartless policeman will be held to account for his conduct, the result remains the same, so far as the unfortunate girl is concerned, and you may take it as a warning. If this is not sufficient, look at that New Albany affair last Sunday, where the flirting propensities of two girls caused the shooting of one man by another, and think if you would like to be morally responsible for such a deed; or have your actions talked about and misconstrued by the people of three cities. You may rely upon it, Angela, that there is no "amusement" so dangerous to a young girl's reputation, or that of a woman, either, as street flirting. In many cases it is a long step on the road which leads to infamy and shameful death. There certainly is great harm in "innocent" flirtations such as you describe.—[Sunday Argus.]

It appeared on a recent trial before the Supreme Court of Massachusetts that the factory proprietors placed a large steel bell on the mill, which they caused to be rung at five o'clock on the morning of every working day in winter, and again at various hours during the day. Two persons who occupied houses near the mill, one three hundred feet and the other a thousand feet away, complained that the ringing disturbed the quiet and comfort of their homes, and represented that the bell was unnecessarily large, that it was of no use for any purpose of trade or manufacture, and that it was rung at unreasonable hours and was therefore a nuisance. The mill proprietors replied that it was necessary to employ some means for calling the operatives to their work, and that the bell was of suitable size, and was rung at suitable hours for the purpose and in a proper manner. The court decided that the ringing was a nuisance, and granted an injunction.

The main point in seeding wheat is to have the plants well rooted before freezing sets in. The time of putting in the grain may be regulated somewhat by the character of the seed-bed, its richness, mellowness and depth of culture. Late sowing has this in its favor and it helps to escape the ravages of the Hessian fly which often is very destructive to early sown wheat. Any quick acting manure is of special value on wheat sown this month, as it stimulates the young plants at once to rapid growth. Thus any salt of ammonia or nitrate of soda, furnishes valuable nitrogen at once, and one hundred and fifty pounds of either of these salts per acre, may double the crop.

A correspondent writing from Vienna, says that the height of caution has been reached in that city by a portion, at all events, of a theatre-going public. Since the reopening of the theatres numbers of the ladies of the aristocracy, when attending a performance, enter their boxes with small oil lamps ready lighted, by means of which they hope to be able to effect their escape in the event of conflagration and the gas being turned off.

The McAllister gun, invented and patented by Dr. A. H. McAllister, of Union county, Miss., has twenty-four rifle barrels and discharges 500 cartridges per minute, greatly exceeding the Gatling gun in execution and reliability. The entire work of construction was done at the blacksmith shop on his plantation by Dr. McAllister and a machinist of his own neighborhood.

Two years ago a colored man, near Columbus, killed a rattlesnake and put it on the fire in an oven to dry it up for the grease. In his absence his little son, thinking the snake was an eel, ate some of it and has been having fits ever since.

Hon. M. H. Wesley.

This gentleman has done valiant service for the Democratic party in the upper portion of the Third Congressional district. His speeches in Allen, Monroe, Cumberland and Clinton have aroused an enthusiasm which will increase as the election approaches. He is a fine speaker, a thoroughly sound Democrat and one of the very best and purest men in Kentucky. He is worthy of any honor his native State may bestow upon him, and he has many warm friends in this part of the district, as well as in the counties in which he has spoken, who will be glad to see him realize his highest hope and ambition. He would make a Governor of whom all Kentucky might well be proud. Much regret is expressed that his eloquent voice could not be heard in every county in our district. He, however, gave us all the time he could and is now battling for Gen. Wolford, who will win a glorious victory over Carr in the new Eleventh. Our people will remember Judge Wesley and the noble efforts he has made in behalf of our nominee. Such labor should be repaid, and such is the feeling of many of our people.—[Bowling Green Democrat.]

REPAIRING AN INJURED EYE.—At Jefferson College Hospital, Philadelphia, September 29, Dr. H. L. Little transplanted a portion of the conjunctiva of a rabbit's eye to that of a young Irishman, whose eye had been badly burned by sulphuric acid. Dr. Little removed the eye-lid from its firm adhesion to the ball and made it ready for the new piece of membrane, which Dr. L. W. Fox, assisted by Dr. Hewson, had carefully dissected from the left eye of the unconscious rabbit, and the part was rapidly transferred to the under surface of the man's eye-lid and neatly stitched to its place. Another operation will be performed that will, it is thought, restore sight to the injured eye.

A modern version of "Miss Kilmansegg and Her Golden Leg" is found in the true story of a Kentucky girl, who carries money in her stockings when she travels or goes shopping. In the latter case, she says, she always takes a lady friend with her, who engages the attention of the male clerk in the store, or any man who may approach, while Miss Kilmansegg extracts the money from the leg of her stocking to pay the bill. Once this Summer her mother, not knowing of this habit of keeping money in her stocking, sent a pair of stockings to the laundry which her daughter subsequently told her, contained \$50. The money was never recovered.

Texarkana, Texas, has had a genuine sensation, and one of the kind that does not occur every day. A leading belle of the place, beautiful as a Hebe, while suffering from delirium, left her room and in a perfectly nude state appeared on the street, unconscious of the fact that she was repeating the story of Lady Godiva in an age when such things are seldom heard of.

A young man started for a drive of twenty miles with his sweetheart through an uninhabited tract in Minnesota. At a point about midway of the lonely route, the pair had a bitter quarrel. The fellow unhitched the horse, mounted it and rode away, leaving the girl alone in the wagon, where she remained all night and next day walked home.

An old man in a New York justice's court who wanted some legal process or other, was not at once attended to, remarked: "Don't keep me waiting long. I have fits. I'm liable to have one right now." The Judge immediately gave them to him—not the fits, but the papers.—[Detroit Post.]

The Star route trials have done this country at least one good service. They have kept ex Senator Dorsey from going into Indiana this fall and re-enacting the campaign of fraud and corruption that gave the State to the republicans in 1880.

The height of impudence was exemplified by the Davenport, Iowa, man, who stole a harness from a rear door of a second-hand store, and, after walking around the square, tried to sell it to the proprietor of the same store.

Those people who want to know why printers call the boy "the devil" can readily bring themselves to understand it by employing the boy for a few days.

"Doo was eechoot enough, butt dree vas too benty," remarked Hans when his best girl asked him to take her mother along with them to a dance.

An Incubator for Infants.

M. Tarnier, the surgeon of the Maternity Hospital in Paris, struck by the great mortality among infants prematurely born, and those which are very sickly after birth, has conceived the ingenious idea of constructing a box which is almost exactly similar to the incubators used for poultry. This box is divided into two compartments—the lower one being used as a reservoir for hot water, while the infant is placed in the upper one, which is well stuffed at the sides and fitted with a sliding glass cover. The temperature is maintained at 86° Fahr., and M. Tarnier has found that by keeping infants in the incubator for a period varying from two days to six weeks, their vitality is enormously improved. He has made experiments upon five six months children, six seven-months, and thirteen eight-months children, and he has only lost two of them, whereas, according to his statement, three-fourths of them would have died but for this adventitious aid to vitality.—[Lancet.]

Geological examination of the delta of the Mississippi now shows that for a distance of about 300 miles there are buried forests of large trees, one over the other, with interspaces of land. Ten distinct growths of this description have been observed, which it is believed must have succeeded each other. Of these trees, known as the bald cypress, some have been over twenty-five feet in diameter, and one contained over 5,700 rings; in some instances, too, huge trees have grown over the stumps of others equally as large. From these facts, geologists have assumed the antiquity of each forest growth at 10,000 years, or 100,000 for all.

"I say, fellows," exclaimed Fogg, "Brown and his wife have separated." "No!" "Is that so?" "How did it come about?" "I always thought it would come to that." "Guess it'll be better for both of 'em." These were a few of the expressions that fell from the lips of the boys as they eagerly crowded around Fogg. "Yes," said Fogg, "the Browns have separated. I saw Brown kiss Mrs. B. good-bye at the depot just now. He said he would be back to-morrow."—[Boston Transcript.]

The sixth item in the will of the late Senator Hill, of Georgia, reads: "I give and bequeath to my wife and children that which some of them now possess and which I assure them, in full view of death, is far richer than all human honors. God is a living God and Christ came into the world to save sinners. I beg them to have faith in Jesus, for by this faith alone can they be saved."

A man was convicted of three grave crimes in one term of the Elgin county (Ill.) court. For one of these he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, for another fourteen years and for the third the incarceration was to be "during the remainder of his natural life"—which would appear to destroy his interest in the former two punishments.

Before committing suicide, at Lawrence, Kansas, Miss Pincoe had her photograph taken, and left directions for sending copies to her intimate friends. She was very careful about getting a good likeness and was entirely successful in assuming the "pleasant expression" which photographers always recommend.

A pretty and effective bridesmaid's costume is of pale blue velvet, draped with cream nun's veiling. The cavalier hat is trimmed and lined with blue plush and ostrich feathers. The boots and stockings are of blue silk. The necklet and locket are of silver and the bouquet is of blue and white flowers.

A Providence woman found that whipping did not subdue her son, and so she made him drink a quart of dish water. As he was still obdurate, she burned his tongue with a red-hot poker, and he succumbed. He is now in a hospital, and she in jail.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." When Mr. John Hester, of Walton, Ga., was married 21 years ago, his uncle presented him with a sheep and two lambs. Now his herd numbers largely over one thousand all produced from that one sheep.

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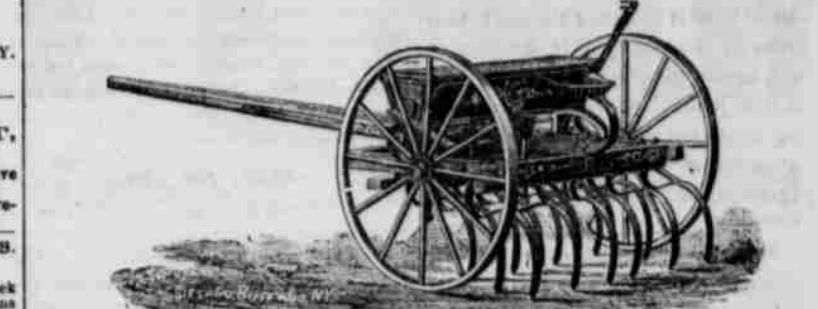
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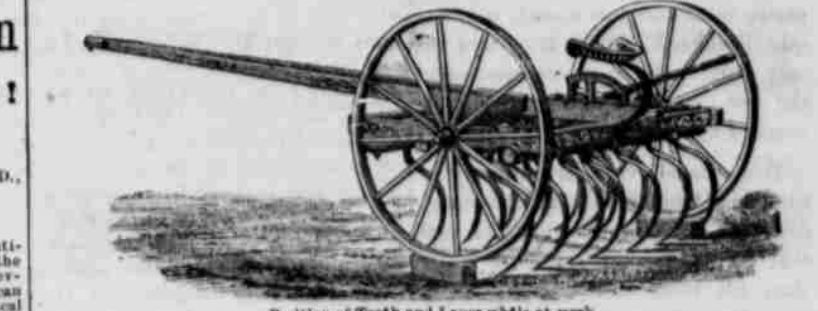
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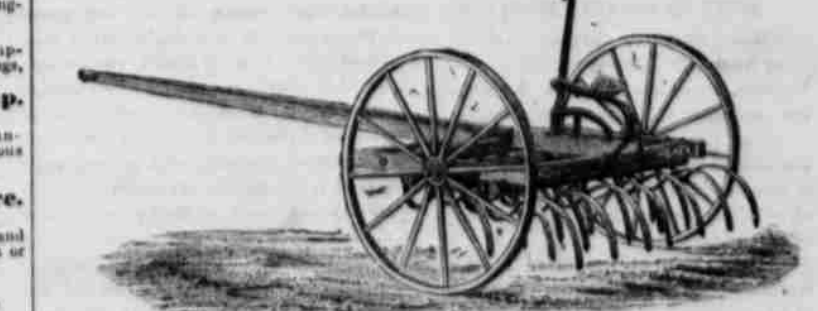
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